



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Human Resources

Date: June 9, 2015

To: Council Member John Quincy, Chair of Ways and Means

Referral to: City Council

Subject: City of Minneapolis MetroPass Program License

Recommendation: That the proper City officers be authorized to execute a five-year license agreement with Metropolitan Council as permitted under the City of Minneapolis Voluntary Employees' Metropass Program. The program price for the first year of the license is estimated to be approximately \$475,000.

Previous Directives:

- May 24, 2004: Direction to Human Resources to research the development and implementation requirements of a MetroTransit Metropass Program.
- June 18, 2004: Approval to adopt of the City of Minneapolis Employees' Metropass Program and to enter into a two-year contract with the Metropolitan Council.
- July 21, 2006: Approval to enter into a three-year Metropass contract (August 1, 2006 through July 31, 2009) with the Metropolitan Council.
- June 26, 2009: Approval to enter into a five-year Metropass contract (August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2015) with the Metropolitan Council.
- July 2, 2010: Authorized amendment and restatement of the existing contract (effective August 1, 2010 through July 31, 2015) to base the monthly program price on the current cost of a Metropass times the actual number of participants.
- Approval to include funds in 2014 and 2015 Human Resources budgets to subsidize employee Metropass purchases (\$100,000 for 2014 and \$75,000 for 2015).

Department Information

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Financial Impact

- Action is within the Business Plan

Community Impact

- City Goals – Living well: Minneapolis is safe and livable and has an active and connected way of life

Supporting Information

The Metropass program is a commuter ridership program that allows eligible employees to purchase unlimited ride transit passes via pre-tax payroll deductions.

The current budget amount provides a \$16 per employee per month subsidy and allows eligible employees to purchase a Metropass for a \$60 pre-tax payroll contribution.

Approximately 515 or 20% of eligible employees currently participate in the Metropass program. Participation has increased from 450 participants in mid-2014 to 515 in May 2015). Ongoing construction in "Downtown East" has resulted in increases in downtown parking rates and decreases in ramp/lot availability.